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This annotated reading list of 101 books for children (grades pre-kindergarten through second) contains books selected for being race and sex fair and for portraying children and adults who are disabled. The list also includes books representing various ethnic groups and showing males and females in nontraditional roles. Although the list was written for summer reading, it is appropriate for use by teachers, parents, librarians, and students throughout the year. Most of the books included in this list can be found in local libraries. (SR)

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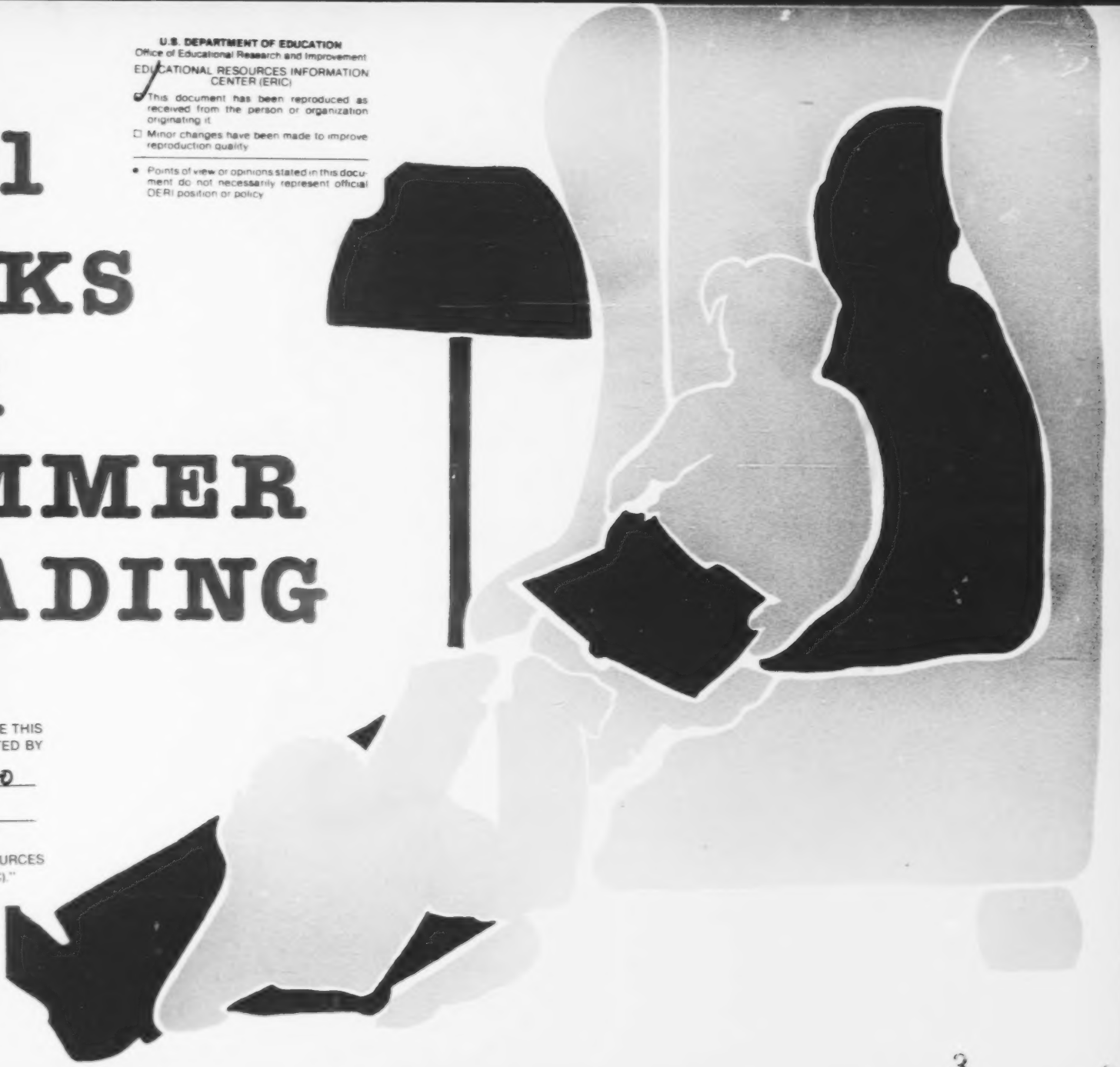

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Also available is "101 Books for Summer Reading," appropriate for grades Kindergarten-6.

1) **Abby**
Jeannette Caines

The story of the difference in origin between two children is told in this book.

2) **ABC Workbook**
Jean Mangi

This alphabet book encourages girls and boys not to limit their activities or aspirations because of sex-role stereotyping.

3) **A Father Like That**
Charlotte Zolotow

A boy whose parents live apart describes a wished-for father.

4) **Alfie Gets in First**
Shirley Hughes

Alfie goes into the house and shuts the door which locks. Mom and the neighbors try to open the door from the outside, but Alfie finally opens it himself.

5) **Alfie Gives a Hand**
Shirley Hughes

Alfie's best friend is having a birthday party, and Alfie is invited to go without his mother or sister. He manages to have a good time and helps his friend, Min, out of a scary situation.

6) **A Lion to Guard Us**
Clyde R. Bulla

After the death of their mother, the children travel across the ocean by themselves to go to the United States to live with their father.

7) **Annie and the Old One**
Miska Miles

A grandmother shares her wisdom with her granddaughter.

8) **Arrow to the Sun: A Pueblo Indian Tale**
Gerald McDermott

The spark of life that was sent to earth became a boy. When the boy grew older, he wanted to see his father. He went through many transformations until the Arrowmaker made an arrow of the boy and sent him to the sun where his father lived.

9) **Baby and I Can Play**
Fun With Toddlers
Karen Hendrickson

These books prove that children *can* have lots of fun playing with the babies and toddlers in their families!

10) **Benny Bakes a Cake**
Eve Rice

Benny helps his mother bake a birthday cake. The dog eats it, but the family refuses to let this ruin their celebration.

11) **Big Sister Tells Me That I'm Black**
Arnold Adoff

These bright poems are all about being Black and feeling proud. The easy, rhythmic verses work well read aloud and will appeal to preschoolers.

12) **Bimwili and the Zimwi: A Tale from Zanzibar**
Verna Aardema

Based on an African folktale, this picture book tells the story of a little girl who is captured by a Zimi, an ogre-like creature. She uses her ingenuity to escape.

13) **Blueberries for Sal**
Robert McCloskey

Sal and her mother meet a mother bear and her cub on Blueberry Hill.

14) **Brave Irene**
William Steig

Irene Bobbit is the daughter of a dressmaker for whom she must deliver a gown, despite a bad snowstorm.

15) **Brother to the Wind**
Mildred Pitts

Emeke believes his grandmother when she tells him that "Good Snake can make any wish come true." Emeke wants to fly. Will his wish come true?

16) **Claire and Emma**
Diana Peter

A mother writes the true story of her two deaf daughters, ages four and two.

17) **Crow Boy**
Taro Yashima

Chibi could imitate a crow so well that everybody imagined the far and lovely place where he lived.

18) **Dad's Back**
Messy Baby
Reading
Sleeping
Jan Ormerod

Daddy looks after his lively baby in these four picture books which show a toddler in action.

19) **Daddy Makes the Best Spaghetti**
Anna G. Hines

Corey and his playful Dad prepare dinner, enjoy bathtime and welcome Mom home from work.

20) **Darkness and the Butterfly**
Ann Grifalconi

Partly in a dream world and partly in reality, this story is about how Osa overcomes her fear of the dark with the help of a wise old woman and a yellow butterfly.

21) **Emma's Pet**
David McPhail

Emma, a little bear, wants a pet that is big, soft and cuddly. She considers several possibilities and finally settles on her father—the biggest, cuddliest creature of all.

22) **Ernest and Celestine**
Bravo Ernest and Celestine
Ernest and Celestine's Picnic
Breakfast Time, Ernest and Celestine
Gabrielle Vincent

Ernest, the bear, and Celestine, the energetic little mouse, solve a number of problems in these picturebooks.

23) **Everett Anderson's 9 Month Long Goodbye**
Lucille Clifton

Four-year-old Everett has lots of questions and feelings during his mother's pregnancy until, finally, a sister joins the family.

24) **Farm Morning**
David McPhail

A little girl and her father do early morning chores together in the barnyard.

25) **Father Gander Nursery Rhymes:**
The Equal Rhymes Amendment
Father Gander

A changing Mother Goose? See what happens to Jack and Jill, Little Boy Blue and Little Girl Green in this new version of these favorite nursery rhymes.

26) **Feelings**
Joan Brisson Murphy

A little boy who thinks about his feelings decides that although it is certainly good to be happy, it is all right, too, to cry when one is frustrated or sad.

27) **First Snow**
Emily Arnold McCully

A textless picture book about a large family of mice who celebrate the season's first snow by going tobogganing. The littlest mouse is afraid to join the fun at first, but she gets up her courage to try and loves it so much she doesn't want to stop.

28) **Friends**
Satomi Ichkawa

You can do a lot with good friends. In this book boys and girls share secrets, explore meadows and enjoy pillow fights.

29) **George and Martha**
James Marshall

George and Martha try to be friends, but it is hard when pea soup and dancing are involved.

30) **Girl from the Snow Country**
Masako Hidaka

Michan makes snow bunnies, but something is missing. She and her mother give thanks to Jizo on their way to market and once there, Michan is given red berries for bunny eyes.

31) **Go Hush the Baby**
Betsy Byars

Will takes care of the baby while his mother paints and bakes.

32) **Good as New**
Barbara Douglass

Grady's teddy bear is badly damaged by his little cousin, but it's Grandfather who washes and restuffs it, making it more dear than ever.

33) **Grandma is Somebody Special**
Susan Goldman

A little girl tells about her visit to her grandmother's house. Grandma works, goes to school and sometimes even gets mad at Grandpa.

34) **Grownups Cry Too**
Nancy Hazen

Designed to counteract sex-stereotyped behavior presented to young children, this story shows that grownups—both women and men—can cry.

35) **Hazel's Amazing Mother**
Rosemary Wells

When Hazel, a little badger, is waylaid by some rowdy kids, her mother comes to her rescue and sees to it that the bullies receive the kind of justice they deserve.

36) **He's My Brother**
Joe Lasker

Life is not always easy for Jamie who has problems at school and at home.

37) **I Can Sign my ABC's**
Susan Chaplin

Demonstrating the finger spelling alphabet, each page displays a letter of the alphabet, handshape and an object that begins with that letter.

38) **I Love My Baby Sister (Most of the Time)**
Elaine Edelman

This three-year-old likes her baby sister (most of the time) and looks forward to their playing together when the baby is older.

39) **I Love Gram**
Ruth Sonneborn

This is a story about a Black family that is headed by a working mother and grandmother.

40) **I Want to Tell You About My Baby**
Roslyn Banish

This simple photo essay portrays a new baby in the house. A young boy's first-person narrative reflects the curiosity, excitement, jealousy, and fears typical of young children adjusting to the arrival of a new sibling. Both the boy and his father are shown in nurturing roles.

41) **I'm Busy Too**
Norma Simon

Everyone has a job to do, even young children, whose work may be to go to their day care center.

42) **Jackie**
Lewis Luevester

A new girl in the neighborhood, Jackie plays with the boys all summer. Only when school begins do the boys discover that she is a girl.

43) **Jamaica's Find**
Anne Sibley O'Brien

Jamaica finds a toy and a red cap in the park. What does Jamaica decide to do with these lost items?

44) **Jerome the Babysitter**
Eileen Christelow

Jerome, a young alligator, gets his first babysitting job with the rambunctious Gatorman clan who deliberately try to test his patience.

45) **Just Us Women**
Jeannette Caines

Aunt Martha and her niece begin a wonderful trip to North Carolina in her brand new car.

46) **Katie-Bo: An Adoption Story**
Iris L. Fisher

In this story, a Korean baby girl joins an American family with two boys.

47) **Kimako's Story**
June Jordan

Seven-year-old Kimako is a dog-sitter and an explorer on her vacation.

48) **Leo the Late Bloomer**
Robert Kraus

Leo is a late bloomer but eventually grows up through a series of adventures.

49) **Louanne Pig in Making the Team**
Louanne Pig in the Mysterious Valentine
Louanne Pig in the Perfect Family
Louanne Pig in the Talent Show
Nancy Carlson

Louanne Pig is a well-adjusted young pig whose adventures in these four books include making the football team, trying to find out who sent her a mysterious valentine, staying at a friend's crowded house on a visit, and discovering that she makes a fine emcee for the school talent show.

50) **Maria Teresa**
Mary Atkinson

At first Maria didn't like her new school in Ohio because the kids laughed at her. Then she brought her sheep puppet, Minteja, to share her Spanish and help make friends.

51) **Max**
Rachel Isadore

Max takes his younger sister to her ballet lesson on his way to baseball practice. One day he happily joins the class.

52) **Miss Rumphius**
Barbara Cooney

Miss Rumphius is an adventuresome lady who introduces real life biographies of American women.

53) **Mrs. Gaddy and the Ghost**
Mrs. Gaddy and the Fast-Growing Vine
Wilson Gage

These are funny stories about a clever old woman who solves problems with her wits and good humor. In the first story she evicts a ghost; in the second she outwits a vine that won't stop growing by buying a goat that won't stop eating.

54) **My Blue Chair**
Hans Zander

This is the story of a very old handmade chair as it is handed down through the years. The chair rests in homes, a junkyard, a toy store and finally a museum, where an old man and his granddaughter sit on it.

55) **My Brother Sean**
Petronella Breinburg

Sean's first day in nursery school is described in this story.

56) **My Friend Jacob**
Lucille Clifton

Sam and Jacob are special friends who help one another learn.

57) **My Friend William Moved Away**
Martha Whitmore Hickman

Jimmy misses the good times he shared with his friend William. But he discovers that he can have a pleasant friendship with Mary Ellen, who lives down the block.

58) **My Mama Needs Me**
Mildred Pitts Walter

Jason is afraid his mother no longer needs him, so he wants to stay home, ostensibly to help with the new baby. But when she tells him she does need him—for a big hug—he is happy and reassured.

59) **My Mom Got a Job**
Lucia Smith

When Mom goes to work, a young girl misses the way things used to be. She finds that some of the changes in her life are fun and bring a new meaning to the whole family.

60) **My Mother the Mail Carrier/Mi Mama la Cartera**
Inez Maury

This four year old is enthusiastically involved with the mother's job as a letter carrier.

61) **My Two Feet**
Alice Schertle

A little girl's lighthearted monologue tells a story about all the fun she can have and ten places she can go on her own two feet.

62) **Nice Little Girls**
Elizabeth Levy

New in school, Jackie is called a boy because of her appearance and enjoyment of "boy" activities.

63) **Noisy Nora**
Rosemary Wells

Nora becomes the middle mouse with a new baby in the house. Nora must assert herself until she is heard.

64) **Of Course Polly Can Ride a Bike**
Astrid Lindgren

A determined five year old proves that she can ride a bike.

65) **101 Things To Do With a Baby**
Jan Omerod

Everyone, including Daddy, pitches in to help look after this family's busy baby.

66) **Peterkin Meets a Star**
Emilie Boon

A boy in a bright pink jacket plucks down a star, but returns it when it dims.

67) **Petronella**
Jay Williams

In this twist of an old fairy tale, the princess rescues the prince.

68) **Rachel**
Elizabeth Fanshave

Rachel's life in a wheelchair is active and fun.

69) **Ramona the Pest**
Beverly Cleary

Meet a kindergarten dropout!

70) **Sarah, Plain and Tall**
Patricia MacLachlan

When Caleb's mom dies, his lonely dad yearns for someone to sing with until Sarah and her cat come to town.

71) **Shoeshine Girl**
Clyde R. Bulla

Sara Ida is determined to find a job, and she does.

72) **Stevie**
John Steptoe

Stevie is a babysitter who gets teased because of what he does.

73) **Ten, Nine, Eight**
Molly Bang

This is a counting book and bedtime story rolled into one: a father and daughter share some quiet time as they count the objects in the daughter's bedroom.

74) **The Balancing Girl**
Berniece Rabe

A first grader who is very good at balancing objects while in her wheelchair and on her crutches thinks up her greatest balancing act to benefit the school carnival.

75) **The Enchanted Caribou**
Elizabeth Cleaver

A young girl changes into a white caribou and back.

76) **The Giving Tree**
Shel Silverstein

This book is a parable of a tree who loves a little boy and teaches him lessons about giving and the acceptance of a loving and sharing relationship.

77) **The Grey Lady and the Strawberry Snatcher**
Molly Bang

An older woman is walking through the forest with her basket of strawberries when a purple creature—the Strawberry Snatcher—appears. The wily old lady outsmarts him and brings the berries home to her family.

78) **The Hundred Penny Box**
Sharon Bell Mathis

Michael loves Aunt Dew and her hundred penny box.

79) **The Moon Came Too**
Nancy W. Carlstrom

An independent, enthusiastic girl packs her suitcase and a wagonload of necessities for a car trip to Grandma's house at the lake.

80) **The Paper Bag Princess**
Robert Munsch

A young princess successfully rescues her boyfriend from a dragon. But when the ungrateful prince then scolds her for looking messy, she tells him exactly what she thinks of him.

81) **The Patchwork Quilt**
Valerie Flournoy

A piece of fabric from Tonya's African princess Halloween costume, corduroy from her brother's shirt and a piece of gold-colored cloth from Mama's Christmas dress become a part of Grandmother's masterwork quilt.

82) **The Practical Princess**
Jay Williams

How does Princess Bedelia manage to uncover for herself a handsome prince, outwit the old and crafty Lord Garp, and live happily ever after?

83) **The Purple Coat**
Amy Hest

Mom wants Gabby's new coat to be navy blue. Tailor Grandpa and Gabby convince her "it's always good to try something new." A compromise pleases all.

84) **The Sick Day**
Patricia McLaughlin

When little Emily is too sick to go to school, her writer father, who works at home, takes care of her. The next day he gets sick and needs to be nursed and amused.

85) **The Trek**
Ann Jonas

On her walk to school, a little girl imagines that she is moving through a dangerous jungle.

86) **The Zabajaba Jungle**
William Sterg

This is the story of a boy's journey deep into the heart of the Zabajaba Jungle.

87) **Those Green Things**
Kathy Stinson

Mother and daughter enjoy each other's wild imaginations as they discover frogs, slithery snakes and martians around the house.

88) **Through Grandpa's Eyes**
Patricia McLachlan

Grandpa shows John how things are seen by those who are blind.

89) **Today We Are Brother and Sister**
Arnold Adoff

Brother and sister find in each other a playful friend and an earnest opponent as they run, swim, share found treasures and fight over almost everything.

90) **Trouble with Martin**
June Counsel

Everybody in this book does things differently.

91) **Ty's One Man Band**
Mildred Pitts Walter

Andro's music sets Ty's town to dancing on a sleepy summer night.

92) **Watch the Stars Come Out**
Riki Levinson

The journey of two young immigrants who come from Europe to America is told in this story.

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93) **We Don't Look Like Our Mom and Dad**
Harriet Langsam Sobol

This book, resembling a family album, tells the story of the Levins, a Caucasian couple, and their two adopted Korean-American sons, Eric and Joshua.

94) **When I'm Sleepy**
Jane R. Howard

This bedtime story describes a little girl who imagines what it would be like to sleep the way animals do.

95) **When Panda Came to Our House**
Helen Z. Jensen

Throughout a busy day, a girl learns about wok cooking, an abacus and dragons.

96) **When We Went to the Park**
Shirley Hughes

When a little girl and her grandfather go to the park, the things that she sees there constitute a simple preschool counting lesson.

97) **Wild Wild Sunflower Child Anna**
Nancy White Carlstrom

Watch Anna as she digs in the garden, climbs into a tree and dances through fields of flowers.

98) **William's Doll**
Charlotte Zolotow

William's grandmother understands exactly why William wants a doll—so that when he grows up he will have had a chance to practice being a father.

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99) **Yagua Days**
Cruz Martel

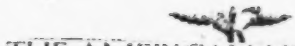
On a visit to his extended family in Puerto Rico, young Adam learns about the fun of a rainy yagua day.

100) **You Think It's Fun To Be a Clown?**
David Adler

Is it fun to be a clown? Farcical stunts may make you think twice, but in the end the answer is yes—at least according to the girl who is revealed without clown makeup at the finish.

101) **Zenaida**
Celinda Andrade Campbell

Written in English and Spanish, this is the story of a young girl's work and play adventures.



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